



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held February 1, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

“Senator Bob Dutton has recently introduced Senate Bill 116 (SB 116) to eliminate the sunset clause in the Safe Arms For Newborns Law which is due to expire in 2006. The existing law provides that no parent can be prosecuted if he or she voluntarily surrenders the child to a hospital or any other designated location within 72 hours.

“Los Angeles County has been at the forefront of implementing this 2000 law with 29 babies safely surrendered since its enactment. The year 2004 marked the first year since the bill’s passage that more babies were surrendered then abandoned. This is an extraordinary accomplishment and it is one that should be achieved every year from this point forward.”

Therefore, at the suggestion of Supervisor Knabe, and on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in support of SB 116 (Dutton), legislation which would eliminate the sunset clause in the Safe Arms for Newborns Law which is due to expire in 2006 and provides that no parent can be prosecuted if he or she voluntarily surrenders the child to a hospital or any other designated location within 72 hours; and

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2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to send correspondence to Governor Schwarzenegger and the Senate members of the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation urging support for the early passage and enactment of SB 116.

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Each Supervisor
County Counsel
Fire Chief

Letter sent to:
Senator Robert Dutton